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Nurse Humphreys was hardly what would be taymed popular. Tall, hand-some, in a dark, cold type of beauty, she was much admired, and the doctors all respected her clear, keen intelliasnee and executive ability. But the patients regarded her with evident awe. No one urged her to come and sit for a moment by his bedside.

Nurse Humphreys herself regarded the patients as so many haman machines to be tended and cared for It was her work to superintend the doing of this. What more could be required of her? And then one day a tender, helpless little morsel of a child was carried into the ward, and Miss Humphreys experienced a strange sensation. The blue eyes looked appealingly into hers; the thin little arms were extended. "Molly lonesome," murmured a baby voice. And Miss Humphreys, rather shamefacedly, bent and kissed the tiny face.

From that day a new life began for the nurse. All the pent up tenderness of years, all the starved affection of the woman's heart, sternly repressed for so long, were unstintedly lavished ipon the child. It was a bad case. Miss Humphreys flung herself, with tireless energy into the battle with death. Molly could not die; she must not die. And love won. The fatal crisis was passed; the little life began to tighten its hold on existence. Miss Humphreys rejoiced until one day came as sudden, most unwelcome Molly was out of danger; Molly was growing well; Molly would soon leave the hospital and go home. banish the thought. But it would not go. It pursued her, obsessed her, be-

room where Miss Humphreys some times sat. Late one alternoon she was there, still haunted by the thought of Molly's departure. It seemed terfaced, hard eyed woman-from whom the child palpably shrank upon the occasions of her rare visits? Was she unkind to the little thing? Miss Humphreys wondered.

A sudden sense of discouragement possessed the nurse. Molly was nearly convalescent, yet to the doctor Miss Humphreys had dilated at length upon untavorable symptoms, inherent weaksees, and this morning, this very morning, she had deliberately aftered the temperature line on the putient's chart. That was unpardonable. She had funcied that the deeter had looked at her gitter oddly as he returned the thart. Did he suspect anything? Must name and with Tom's own blue eyes? Where had Molly found them? The sunt, a dry, uncommunicative person, only said that the child's mother was dead. Molly bubbled of a daddy ul most always from home. The idea had once Mashed agross Miss Humphreys mind that Tom himself might be this daildy, but she had diamissed the suggestion as too improbable. There were

doubtless thousands of Bremans. it brought the man to her mind, bow-ever. Tomi Where could be be? He had loved her once. Why had she let plain little room, thought of the waird begond. She had sent Ton away and left her home, come to New York worked, derded herself, suffered, in spired, sustained by no ignoble are

Well, she had succeeded. She had achieved her goal. Was she not head marse in this busy hospital watel Again her eyes traveled around the dreary little room. Was this then what her ambition meant, a solitary Woman growing old alone? Miss Humphreys, tired and depressed, knew that she was morbid; sought to shake it off, but the feeling was too strong for her. The reaction from the years of effort had set in, and all at once a wave of heartsickness seemed to submerge her in its depths, forcing the unaccustomed tears to her dark eyes. Miss Humphreys uttered a little sob. Was what she had won worth the more than this?

The sound of voices outside the floor aying. "She is one of our best nurses and then."
and has worked night and day to save
your child. Indeed, that the child lived at all is largely due to her untiring vigilance. But there is no reason now why Molly should not leave the hospital. It sometimes happens, however, that a nurse takes a fancy to a patient and tries to keep him overtime. Theretore I preferred that you yourself should come and remove Molly. I would not wish to hurt Miss Humphreys' feelings," he added kindly, for he was a humane man and could symon thize with the duliness of the nurse's life. "We all think so much of Miss

"Miss Humphreys," repeated the man. And at the voice the woman started and clasped her hands over her heart. "Miss Humphreys, you say? Couldcould I see her?"

The doctor considered a moment. " hardly think that she is on duty now," he said slowly. "Oh," with a sudden recollection, "she often sits in that litthe room. Possibly she may be there the me, seeling a meal of meat.

As Brennen entered she sprang up, facing him, and for a moment they drouned a vession

both stared in slience, the wonver Adrugging to control her uncertain

The man started forward. "Margaret?" he cried. Miss Humphreys nod-

"Yes, it is I," the answered, trying to speak in a commonplace manner. 'T belong to this hospital." But he did not seem to hear her. "Margaret, oh, Margaret!" he repeat

ed below his breath. She was far more lovely than he had ever seen her, with that new, softened expression, the teardrops still clinging to her long black lashes. She lifted her head, "So you have come to take Molly away," she said simply. The man started. He had quite forgotten the child. "Why-she cannot stay here-the doc-

tor says that she is well," he stammered confusedly, "He said"-"Yes, I know," responded Miss Humphreys. "She is quite well." She was staring straight ahead, her dark eyes filled with a blank, unseeing look. He would go away again. Molly would go away. What was there left for her? The doctor knew what she had done. She might have to leave the hospital. But she did not care about that. Brennan took a step forward.

"Margaret," he cried; "oh, Margaret, why did you send me from you?" There was a whole lifetime of pain and yearning in the man's voice and Miss Humphreys heart gave a midden throb. He had not entirely forgetten her then. The image of that other woman had not entirely obliterated her

"I-I don't know," she faltered, feeling like a silly schoolgiri. Her usual calm salf possession was gone. The doctors would not have recognized

their cool, capable nurse "You-den't-know?" echoed Brennan. A sudden well known gleam sprang to the blue eyes. "You-don'tknow," he repeated. "Then-might there be a chance for me after all?" he asked squarely. Miss Humphreys, sobbing, had sunk into a chair. The Miss Humphreys started and tried to man bent over and with soft fingers

ly. "She was a dear, sweet soul." But Outside the big ward was a small you were my first love and I could never quite forget. You have saved Molly for me," he added unsteadily, "but she needs you still-we both need you. Won't you come and make us ribly near. How could she let Molly happy, sweetheart?' a sudden intengo back to that aunt-that narrow uity deepening the strong voice "Won't you, dear?" And Miss Humphreys whispered

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"Original Story," she repeated in "It's a very odd name, ten't it? Are you sure you want him called by the name of Original Story?" "Original Story-that's right," she de-

"Is it a minity name?" the minister "Named after his uncle, sir." ex-

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"Is it true that her husband has reg' lar temper tantrums every little while? persisted the neighbor, who had small patience with Mrs. Austin's point of

"Well, well," said Mrs. Austin, with some discomposure, "I don't see any roused her. The doctor was speaking. | need of dwelling on that. When folks "So I thought it best to send for you have a good deal of live stock some o' ourself and explain matters," he was the critters is liable to be ailing new

Unfortunate. How often our most innocen speedies "gang agley," leaving us with no resource but that of making the

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"Dear me, Miss Black," he observed, "what a number of cars! Do they all

"Nil, 'na, sir." was the isportut reply, "but mony a time I say that a' the hungry brutes in the parish rouse Then the glood won an bethet ght her,



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